

MINUTES
CITY OF SAN DIEGO
PARK AND RECREATION BOARD
MISSION BAY PARK COMMITTEE

January 7, 2003

Meeting Held At:

San Diego Paradise Point Resort
1404 West Vacation Road
San Diego, CA 92109

Mailing Address Is:

Park and Recreation Department
Developed Regional Parks
Attn: Mission Bay Park Manager
Staff Representative
2581 Quivira Court
San Diego, CA 92109

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Kevin Faulconer, Chairperson
Daniel Fox
Don Hall
Mary Lynn Hyde
Ted Jardine
Val Kraft
James Moore
Sam Parisa
John Ready
Don Peterson
Judy Swink

Absent:

Bob Otilie, Vice Chair
Mike Pallamary, excused

Staff:

Craig Gibson, Real Estate Assets
Chris Hargett, Real Estate Assets
Dave Martens, Real Estate Assets
Beth Murray, City Manager's Office
Gary Stromberg, Park and Recreation
Reza Taleghani, Engineering and Capital Projects
Carol Wood, Park and Recreation

CALL TO ORDER

Kevin Faulconer called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

TED JARDINE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2002 MEETING AS PRESENTED. DON HALL SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Santa Clara Point Parking Lot Sweeping

Pam Glover, representing the Santa Clara Point Recreation Council, announced that the tenant organizations on the point had gotten together to sponsor a matching funds project to sweep the parking lot six times a year through the matching funds program.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

1. District 2 Council Office Changes

Mr. Faulconer discussed the new District 2 Councilmember, Michael Zucchet, and introduced Katie Keach, Council Representative for District 2.

STAFF REPORT

1. Storm Damage

Gary Stromberg reported that the recent storms had caused very little damage in Mission Bay Park although the damage in Balboa Park and other areas was heavy.

2. West Mission Bay Drive Bridge

Gary Stromberg reported that construction on the West Mission Bay Drive bridge seismic retrofit project began in November. The project is scheduled to be completed in December, 2003.

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3. Ski Beach Launch Ramp

Gary Stromberg reported on the progress of the Ski Beach boat launch ramp replacement project.

4. Bud Bowl

Gary Stromberg reminded the Committee that the Bud Bowl would be held at Mariner's Point, January 23-25, 2003.

5. Sail Bay Landscaping

Gary Stromberg that landscaping of the nodes in Sail Bay began in December and are scheduled for completion by March 1, 2003.

ACTION ITEMS

Consent (The Consent Agenda will be acted upon, as a whole, with little or no discussion. Any one member of the Committee may move a Consent Item to Adoption.)

None.

Adoption (Each Adoption Item requires individual action.)

201. Mission Bay Boat Launching Facilities Project

Reza Taleghani, Project Engineer, introduce the design consultants for the proposed project which would develop improvements to boat launching facilities in Dana Basin, De Anza Cove, Santa Clara Point and Ski Beach. Committee and public comment included concerns regarding provision of adequate stormwater BMPs, potential impact on the commercial operations at Dana Landing, maintenance of residential parking at Santa Clara Point and the need for consultation with user groups in Santa Clara.

MOTION: JUDY SWINK MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE CONCEPT PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED WITH THE PROVISION THAT FULL STORMWATER BMPs BE IMPLEMENTED WITHOUT REGARD TO BUDGET AND THAT THE DESIGN TEAM WORK WITH AFFECTED LESSEES, PARTICULARLY THE SANTA CLARA RECREATION CENTER, DANA LANDING MARKET AND THE MISSION BAY AQUATIC CENTER REGARDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND UTILIZATION. MARY LYNN HYDE SECONDED

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THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Fox, yea; Hall, yea; Hyde, yea; Jardine, yea; Kraft, yea; Moore, yea; Parisa, yea; Peterson, yea; Ready, yea; Swink, yea.

202. SeaWorld – Phase Two Parking Lot Expansion

Chris Hargett, Real Estate Assets Department, introduced Pat Owen, representing SeaWorld. Mr. Owen presented plans for landscaping and lighting at the 16.5 acre expansion parcel. Committee and public comment included questions regarding previous actions related to the project, the nature of the lighting to be employed in the lot and concerns regarding creation of parking prior to the construction of actual improvements.

MOTION: JAMES MOORE MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT AS PRESENTED WITH THE CONDITION THAT LIGHTING BE DESIGNED TO PREVENT SPILLOVER. TED JARDINE SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY A VOTE OF 8-1.

Fox, yea; Hall, abstain; Hyde, nay; Jardine, yea; Kraft, yea; Moore, yea; Parisa, yea; Peterson, yea; Ready, yea; Swink, yea.

202. SeaWorld – Cirque de la Mer, Show Structures

Pat Owen, representing SeaWorld, presented a request to allow portions of the supporting structures for the Cirque de la Mer Show to remain in place year round rather than being removed during that part of the year when the show is not being presented. These structures exceed the 30 height limit and are subject to Coastal Development Permit conditions. Concerns were expressed by the Committee and the public that these structures had previously been left in place in violation of the Coastal Development Permit, and that staff from the various agencies had not enforced the provision. In addition, concerns were expressed regarding the timing of the item when the same issue was scheduled to be heard at the Coastal Commission shortly thereafter.

MOTION: JUDY SWINK MOVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSAL WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE STRUCTURES REMAIN IN PLACE ONLY FOR THE DURATION OF THE COASTAL DEVELOPMENT PERMIT AND THAT THIS ACTION NOT SET A PRECEDENT FOR SIMILAR PROPOSALS FOR THIS OR ANY OTHER LESSEE IN MISSION BAY PARK. DON PETERSON SECONDED THE MOTION WHICH PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Fox, yea; Hall, abstain; Hyde, yea; Jardine, yea; Kraft, yea; Moore, yea; Parisa, yea; Peterson, yea; Ready, yea; Swink, yea.

INFORMATION

301. SeaWorld – Proposed 2003 Capital Improvement Projects

Pat Owen, representing SeaWorld, presented an update on upcoming capital projects at SeaWorld not requiring Committee approval. These projects include a new passenger car on the SeaWorld Tower, the Caribbean Realm and the Mission Theater “4D” Film Change-Out.

WORKSHOP

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next regular meeting: **February 4, 2003**

Respectfully submitted,

GARY STROMBERG
Staff Representative